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MAIZE AS VALUE ADDED CORN PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recently organized Maize Mela in Bangalore by theState Government has kindled much interest in the public about conversion of Maize into value added corn products;

(b) whether Maize was hitherto used only for animal feed and starch manufacturing;

(c) whether the Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore, has developed formulae/recipes for Maize products which can be commercially exploited; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Union Governmentto support promotion of Maize products manufacture and marketing in Karnataka through the value-addition process?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH)

(a): Yes Sir. A large number of people visited the Maize Mela organized at Bangalore from 4 to 7th July-2001 and showed keen interest in the subject matter of the fair.

(b): Maize is used for food purposes also, apart from being used as animal feed and starch manufacturing.

(c): The Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore hasdeveloped various processes and products such as maize flakes and chips, maize noodles, low fat snack products, improved maize roti flour etc.

(d): The Government of India is providing financial assistance forsetting up/expansion/modernization of food processing industries including maize based value added products.